

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: )  
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 Applicant : Stephane BEJANIN, et al. )  
 ) Grp./A.U. : 1645  
 Appl. No. : 09/992,095 )  
 ) Examiner : Unassigned  
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 Title : **HUMAN CDNAS AND PROTEINS** )  
**AND USES THEREOF.** )

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
 Washington, D.C. 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the following preliminary amendment be entered prior to the initiation of examination of the above-identified application on the merits.

**In the Claims:**

*Please cancel claims 1-13 without prejudice.*

*Please add new claims 14-52 as follows:*

14. (New) An isolated Plasminute polynucleotide, wherein said polynucleotide encodes the polypeptide consisting of amino acids 1 to 207 of SEQ ID NO:54 or a polypeptide fragment thereof.
15. (New) The polynucleotide of claim 14, wherein said polypeptide fragment comprises amino acids 1 to 207 of SEQ ID NO:54.
16. (New) The polynucleotide of claim 14, wherein said polypeptide or polypeptide fragment thereof has biological activity.